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SUBJECT: WEST AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING

REF: A. STATE 184574 B. CONAKRY 1249 C. ACCRA 5306

1. THOSE SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS WE HAVE SEEN (REFTELS B AND C) EXCELLENT. WE HAVE A FEW ADDITIONAL TOPICS AND SUB-POINTS TO OFFER FOR CONSIDERATION.

2. BECAUSE OF THE PECULIAR AID MISSION PROGRAM IN NIGERIA,
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BELIEVE IT WORTHWHILE INCLUDE ON AGENDA SOME DISCUSSION OF

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE ON REIMBURSEABLE BASIS. AID RELATIONSHIPS WITH ESTABLISHED AMERICAN COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN COUNTRY OUGHT ALSO BE TOUCHED ON.

3. PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS PROBLEMS IN WEST AFRICA (RELATED TO ACCRA'S PARA 2 (B) AND CONAKRY'S PARA 3).

4. REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION: WHAT SHOULD US POSTURE TOWARD ECOWAS AND CEAO BE: IS WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN US INTEREST AND IF SO, DOES THE CONCEPT WARRANT A SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL EFFORT ON PART USG.

5. IN PROMOTION ADDITIONAL US INVESTMENT IN WEST AFRICA, IS OPIC PROGRAM SUFFICIENT INDUCEMENT OR SHOULD MORE BE DONE (RELATED TO ACCRA'S PARA 2 (D)).

6. ASSESS THE AMERICAN IMAGE IN WEST AFRICA AND EVALUATE OUR CULTURAL AND INFORMATION PROGRAMS. DISCUSS PRIORITIES LEADING AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTISTS GIVE TO WEST AFRICA.

7. ESPECIALLY IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH MILITARY REGIMES, THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS BEEN AN INVALUABLE ASSET. CAN WE TAKE ANY ADDITIONAL STEPS TO TAKE THE PROGRAM OFF "ENDANGERED SPECIES" LIST. HOW BEST CAN WE UTILIZE WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE.

8. US-AFRICA AND THE UN: A FULL, FRANK AND REALISTIC DISCUSSION OF US PRIORITIES IN UN AND HOW THEY ARE AFFECTED BY OUR POLICIES TOWARD AFRICAN STATES. FOR EXAMPLE, DO WE LOSE IN TERMS AFRICAN UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT ON ISSUES IN WHICH WE HAVE VITAL INTEREST BY EXERTING PRUSSURES TOO OFTEN ON AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ON ISSUES WHICH ARE OF LESSER CONCERN TO US AND/OR OF ONLY MARGINAL CONCERN TO AFRICA.

9. US AND AFRICAN DIALOGUE: IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE US CAN CARRY ON USEFUL DIALOGUE WTH AFRICANS. WE ARE OFTEN ACCUSED OF NOT LISTENING TO OR NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO AFRICA. IT IS NOT SO MUCH A CASE OF NOT LISTENING, BUT RATHER OF NOT BEING ABLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO AFRICAN DESIRES (SOUTHERN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRICA, IMPROVEMENT IN LDC'S TERMS OF TRADE WITH DEVELOPED WORLD, COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, ETC.).

10. PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM RISING COSTS OF MAINTAINING US MISSIONS IN WEST AFRICA (PRESUMABLY THIS IS NOT UNIQUE TO NIGERIA ALTHOUGH WE MAY HAVE THE WORST CASE OF INFLATION). CROSBY

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